

# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OUT TO THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF HUDSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



AUGUST 30, 2024



## Next Sunday, September 8

### FALL PROGRAMMING KICKS OFF

Read all about it on pages 4-8!



See a preview of what's happening this fall at HMPC! Info includes: Fall Sunday schedule, upcoming book studies, The Gathering line-up for September, Mission opportunities and offerings, Music Ministry schedule, Children & Youth Ministry info, special events, and more!

## This Sunday, September 1



### 8:30am - EARLY CHAPEL WORSHIP

Join us for our monthly 8:30am Chapel Worship this Sunday! Martha Chapman will be sharing music, Pastor Mac will preach, and communion will be served by intinction.



### NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK



### 9:45am - SUMMER SING (Final day to join!)



### 10:30am - WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Children's Sunday School after the Children's Message  
Pastor Mac will preach and communion will be served by intinction.



### 11:30am - FELLOWSHIP IN WESTMINSTER HALL

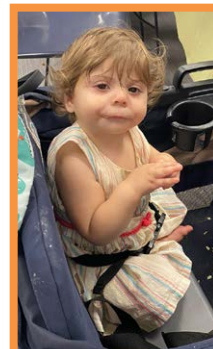
#### FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



8:30AM CHAPEL WORSHIP

# Last Sunday's Fellowship Lunch

Our Fellowship lunch last Sunday had over 130 people in attendance, and was a great way to wrap up the summer and kick off a new season of fellowship, Christian education, faith, and community! BIG THANKS to everyone who helped with the event!



# College Ministry: A Reflection by Lilly Graybill

(HMPC Member &  
Student at Miami University of Ohio)

This summer, I had an unforgettable opportunity to join the Montreat Keynote team led by Rev. Ashley Anne Masters (Presbyterian Campus Minister for Raleigh Universities). I had attended Montreat for 6 conferences as a youth, but never on the other side of things. Ashley Anne accepted 5 college-age students to go on stage in front of 1000 youth for two weeks, and talk about stories from their lives. This conference's theme was "Planting Peace", which involved discussing how we find peace, how to plant together, and how to prune, persist, recover, and go out in joy. On Monday, I was able to speak about where I find my peace, which is looking at how intricate this world is from a microbiology side of things. I always find the overlap of science and religion fascinating, so I was able to share my appreciation for such an intelligent creator while on stage. Another one of the days, I was able to share about my recent study abroad experience, and how necessary it is to take risks. I never would have anticipated being on stage at my favorite place on earth, so I'm glad I accepted this risk.

It was an incredible two weeks, and I formed some unforgettable relationships along the way. The days were long, and filled with lots of writing and editing, but I left feeling fulfilled and grateful for the experience. Montreat means so much to me, so it was really a full circle moment being able to speak about what I would have wanted to hear on that stage when I was in the audience.



## Read All About Our Fall Programs (Page 4-8)

### Fall Sunday Schedule

Kicks Off Sunday, September 8



**9:00-10:00am**

The Gathering Nine O'Clock Class - Room 200

**9:30-10:20am**

The Gathering - Seekers Class - WH South

The Gathering - Presbyterian Ponderings - WH North

**10:30-11:30am**

Worship - Sanctuary



Children's Sunday School - Geneva Hall

**11:30am-12:15pm**

Fellowship Time - Westminster Hall North

Children's "Joyful Noise" Music (Grades K-5) - Geneva

Coffee & Conversation for Youngish Adults - Chapel

Youth Sunday School (11:30-12:00pm) - Geneva Hall

Youth Music (Grade 5-12) (12-12:30pm) - WH South



**5:00-7:00pm (Varies)**

Youth Group

Activities vary between middle school, high school and 5th graders. To keep up with the weekly schedule, get on Rich Richards' HMPC Youth mailing list!

Email: [hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com)

# Children's News

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Parents of infants - 4th graders: Be sure to fill out your registration form for the 2024-25 school year!

Link to form for  
Sunday School  
aged children [HERE](#)



Link to form for  
Infants, Toddlers,  
and Twos [HERE](#)



## Save The Date

For These Family-Friendly Events  
& Special Worship Services!

**Sunday, October 6**

**Rise Against Hunger Packing Event**  
4:00-6:00pm (Ages 4+)

**Sunday, October 20**

**Children's Sabbath**

**Sunday, October 27**

**Fall Festival**

3:00-5:00pm at St. Mark's UMC

**Sunday, December 7**

**Family Christmas Celebration**  
10:00-12:00 at HMPC

**Sunday, December 8**

**Children's Christmas Pageant**

**Sunday, December 15**

**Christmas Joy Worship**

# Youth Ministry Kick-Off Dinner!

**SEPTEMBER 8 at 5:00pm**

HERE WE GO! Let's do this, y'all!!!

Youth and their families (at least one adult) are invited to the 2024-2025 Youth Ministry Kick-Off! Our theme for the year is "Planting Peace".

**Sunday, September 8, from 5:00-7:00pm at HMPC.**

A mandatory parent/guardian meeting will be held during this 2-hour block of time.

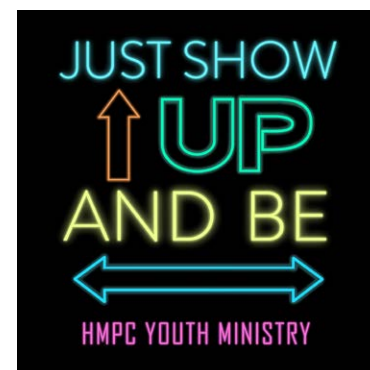


This will be a POTLUCK DINNER with the main dish being an Italian spaghetti/linguini meal with "Rich's Not-So-Famous" Sauce (Or *gravy*, if you know what I mean).

We ask that every family contribute to the dinner, preparing an offering that would feed 4-8 people.

Sign-up links will be sent through email as well as a website link from the church. More details will be in an email from Rich.

If you'd like to be added to the Youth Ministry mailing list, contact Rich Richards at [hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com).



## We Need Youth Advisors!

If you have ever thought about giving back to the church, working with an amazing group of young people, or simply have a gift for working with kids, we need you!

If interested, please contact Rich Richards, Director of Youth Ministry and Children's Music. You can contact him at [hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hmpcyouthgroup@gmail.com) or 336-324-0497.

## Get Involved with Music Ministry This Fall!

### CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearsals begin September 4

Regular Rehearsals on Wednesdays

7:30-9:00pm - Sanctuary

*Musical Leadership in the Sunday*

*10:30am Worship Service*

*and special services throughout the year.*

*New singers always welcome!*



### HUDSON HANDBELLS

Begins September 4

Rehearsals - Wednesdays - 6:15-7:15pm

Westminster Hall South

*(for intermediate to advanced ringers)*



### YOUTH MUSIC

Begins September 8

Handbells (5th-12th grade)

Sundays | 12:00-12:30 | Westminster Hall South

If you play an instrument, have any questions, or want to help in the music area, please reach out to [Barbara Loehr-Fox](#).

## It's Almost Time to Make a Joyful Noise!

### CHILDREN'S MUSIC RESUMES SEPTEMBER 8

Joyful Noise Music begins on Sunday, September 8 immediately after worship!

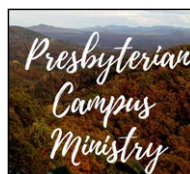
This is for kids (Kindergarten-5th grade) and is held in Geneva Hall from 11:30am-12:15pm.



Come sing, play instruments, and learn about God and the Bible through this unique musical opportunity!

PARENTS: While your kids are in Joyful Noise, you hope you will join other parents during Coffee & Conversation located in the Chapel!

## September Special Offering PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES



Our special offering this month is for Presbyterian Campus Ministries of Raleigh. HMPC has been a long-time supporter of PCM and has had many former youth participate in its ministries and activities. Its mission is to proclaim

and reflect the Good News of the Kingdom of God through ministry to, with, and for college-age students in the Raleigh, North Carolina area.

Your support will help to provide much-needed nurturing to the young people in our care by providing a safe and accepting environment for all students. In addition to Wednesday night meetings at West Raleigh Presbyterian, PCM Raleigh's Campus Minister and students organize various gatherings and outings throughout the year and attend retreats, spring break service trips, and the annual College Conference at Montreat.

You can give online by visiting [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org). To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the letters "PCM" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 PCM)

## Fall Mission at Hudson

### Offering of Letters Event

September 29 after worship

### Rise Against Hunger Event

October 6 - 4:00-6:00pm - RAH Warehouse



### Tend My Sheep:

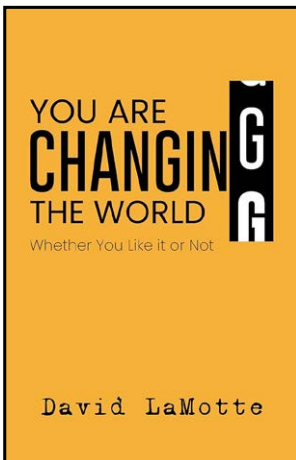
**September:** We are having a back-to-school clothing drive for Note in the Pocket. Note in the Pocket helps address clothing insecurity which is a problem that often lacks adequate attention. By providing clothing we can give children what they need to feel comfortable and confident at school, allowing them to see themselves as valuable and capable of learning and success. Their most urgent needs are GIRLS SHIRTS (Short & Long sleeve t-shirts) Sizes 8 & 16; GIRLS PANTS (Jeans & Athletic Pants) Sizes 5, 8, & 16; BOYS SHIRTS (Short & Long sleeve t-shirts), Sizes 5, 8, & 10; BOYS PANTS (Jeans & Athletic Pants) Sizes 6 & 8.

## David LaMotte Fall Book Study

Sunday evenings, Oct. 13 - Nov. 10  
5:00-6:30pm in Room 200

The day before he joined us for the weekend in March, David LaMotte gave a TED Talk, at TEDx Asheville 2024, along with eight other speakers on the stage of the Wortham Center for the Performing Arts. David's talk focused on the downside of hero narratives, and how stories that we tell in order to inspire people can often have the opposite effect. It's a hopeful message, reminding us that we don't have to be extraordinary to make change, we just have to work together. If you haven't seen it, check it out: [www.DavidsTEDx.com](http://www.DavidsTEDx.com).

Following David's visit at HMPC, a number of us read his latest book *You are Changing the World Whether You Like it or Not\** and participated in a book study where we had rich conversations about how to show up and engage wherever people are hurting, bringing our own unique perspectives, gifts and skills to make a positive impact in the world.

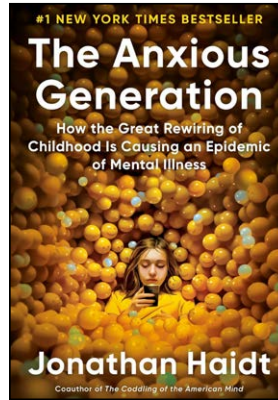


This fall we are offering part two of this book study which will cover some of the same as well as additional material we did not get to in the spring study. You are invited to join us whether you attended previously or not. We will begin with the TED Talk and David's assertion that "hope is both an active choice and a choice to be active." **We will meet October 13,20,27 and November 3,10,17.**

Registration will be open in early September. For more information contact Debbie Kirk [dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org)

\*A copy is now in our church library if you want to take a look! The book explores how easy it is to be overwhelmed with all that is going on in our world and offers practical and inspiring content for use in our personal and communal lives.

## Short Term Book Study for Parents of Children & Teens: *THE ANXIOUS GENERATION*



Pastor Mac will be leading a short term book study on *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. Dr. Haidt addresses the impact of the smartphone in the early 2010s to the present and the need to restore a more humane childhood. Pastor Mac will facilitate a discussion on the four parts of the book while incorporating questions that tie to our Christian faith. This

study for parents of teens and children will meet on the following dates at **7:00pm at Mordecai Beverage Company:**

Thursday, September 19th (read Part I)

Thursday, September 26th (read Part II)

Thursday, October 3rd (read Part III)

Thursday, October 10th (read Part IV)

## SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

### Coffee & Conversation: A Time for Young-ish Adults Following Worship RESUMES SEPTEMBER 8



Are you in your 20s, 30s or 40s? Coffee & Conversation is a group that meets most Sundays following worship at 11:45 in the Chapel while children & youth music is happening. It's a great group of young-ish adults that talk about life, faith and culture in a laid-back setting. The group

meets for a half hour. Grab a coffee in the Welcome Lounge or a snack in Westminster Hall and stop in. No preparation or homework! This group will start again on Sunday, September 8. If you have questions please reach out to Pastor Mac or Cary Dickerson.

## Women at the Well

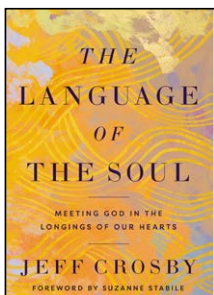
### FALL SEMESTER



Women at the Well begins the fall schedule in September, and welcomes women of all ages and stages to join us! The two groups have a different format, time, and content.

### The Weekly Group

**Wednesdays at 9:15am Starting Sept. 11**



**THE WEEKLY GROUP** meets Wednesday morning from 9:15-10:30am (from September 11-December 11) and uses a particular book chosen each semester as a guide for shared conversation, reflections, and prayer. This group uses a hybrid format with women meeting in the Chapel and on Zoom.

Using the book *The Language of the Soul: Meeting God in the Longings of Our Hearts* by Jeff Crosby, we will explore how we experience God, who meets us in our places of our deepest longings, as individuals and in the community of the Women at the Well. The cost of the book is \$14.00 payable by check with "Women at the Well book" in the memo or by using [this link](#). Contact Pastor Debbie in you have any questions.

### The Monthly Group

**Begins Thursday, September 19**

**THE MONTHLY GROUP** meets over dinner at a local restaurant at 6:00pm on the third or fourth Thursday of each month (Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, and the end of December) and uses a podcast as the basis for discussion on topics of interest.

**You are welcome to join us for our final summer monthly group meeting this coming Thursday, August 29 at 6:00pm at Vivo Ristorante!**

Both groups are wonderful opportunities for women to get to know each other as we discuss the how intersection of culture and faith informs our own spiritual journeys. Current participants in each group are already on the contact lists. If you would like to be added to either one or both, email Debbie Kirk at [dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org).

## Waking Up With The Word

### Tuesday, Sept. 3 | 6:30am | Zoom



This is an early morning men's Bible study. It meets in-person this week and on ZOOM next week, alternating weekly.

WUWTW uses an ancient study method called *lectio divina*. We read the passage that is preached on for the upcoming Sunday four times, with interspersed questions: *What's a word or phrase that stands out to you? Allow that word or phrase to develop into a memory from your life, a thought you have on the passage or a metaphor? What is Christ calling you to through the passage?*

No previous Bible study experience is necessary. At in-person meetings we provide coffee and Bibles. On ZOOM we invite you to use an online Bible or pull out your own hard copy and brew some joe at home.



It's a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships within the church! New participants are always welcome.

## Presbyterian Pint

**Season Kick-off on September 24**



The first Presbyterian Pint of the fall will be a cookout at Pastor Mac's house on Tuesday, September 24th, at 7:00pm.

This men's group typically meets the 4th Thursday of every month and enjoys a pint together as the group discusses articles that have to do with culture and faith, along with the occasional book or short study. It is a wonderful time of community, laughter, insight, and thoughtful discussion on how we live as people of faith. If you'd like to be added to the reminder list for the group, please contact Pastor Mac at [mschafer@hmpc.org](mailto:mschafer@hmpc.org).



# Sunday Adult Education Preview

## BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

### The Nine O'Clock Class

9:00-10:00am | Room 200

September 8, 15, 22 - Facilitated by Susan Bradshaw

This class is especially for those who have commitments preparing for worship at 10:00am, and others who would like a full hour of study, conversation, and worship.

For September 8, 15, and 22, we will watch the movie *Places in the Heart*. We will watch 30 minutes each day and then have discussion. We hope you will join us to discuss this award-winning movie about a widow with two small children that tries to save her small farm with the help of a blind boarder and an itinerant handyman.



### Presbyterian Ponderings

9:30-10:20am | Westminster North

September topic: "HOPE"

Facilitated by Fred Woodward, John Oldenburg, John James, Gil Graybill

Hope is waiting in faith. It is not merely wishing for something to happen or hoping everything will work out if the stars align. Hope is waiting with anticipation—at times, with impatience—for what you know and believe is coming.

For the four Sundays in September, Presbyterian Ponderings will discuss Hope from both Old and New Testament perspectives. We are using a multimedia lesson plan from the series *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*, published by Growing Faith Resources / Presbyterian Publishing.



Later this fall, we will offer sessions based on lectio divina, the Parables of Jesus, and the “flawed messengers” God chooses. We are discussion-based, team-taught, with no advance reading or other prerequisites. Drop in and ponder with us!

### The Seekers

9:30-10:20am | September 8 & 15

Meet in the Library Sept. 8

Meet in Westminster South Sept. 15

"What Does a Church Library Mean?"

Facilitated by Jimmy Hulsey

Why does a church have a library? I have known people, not at Hudson, who I can still hear asking, "We have the Bible. Isn't that all we need?" But, when Christians realize that the Bible and the Christian faith are not a single, literal point of view on God, we have come to the library.

When Christians realize that Scripture requires that the Holy Spirit working with the community of faith in tandem need not merely to quote but to interpret God's Word, we have come to the library. When Christians realize that the diversity of voices in Scripture and across Christian faith represent angles of vision and not truth in concrete, we have come to the library.

When Christians are tired of burying our dead through conflict with one another and people of other religions; when mutual understanding strikes us as a better way than shouting slogans from behind walls of difference, we have come to the library.

When we as Christians lose any connection to the library of our faith, we are susceptible to those who want to use us for their causes, substituting their mottos and slogans and rallying cries for actual Christian confession of faith.

We need to repent in the library and once again practice faith seeking understanding. When we like the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8 realize that we need someone, a community of someones to help us understand our faith, we have come to the library.

If you have read this far, you may have guessed that our class is about, not only what's in the library, but what the library symbolizes to us. I invite you to join with me to discover both what's in our church library and how to make use of it and to rediscover that we are a people open to God with our hearts and minds.

At this time, a number of us are going off to college. Before the wide ranging world of secular education, not to mention diverse religious education, we Presbyterians have never thought our faith a flimsy house of cards. Reason is, among other places and ways, we have also encountered God in the library.



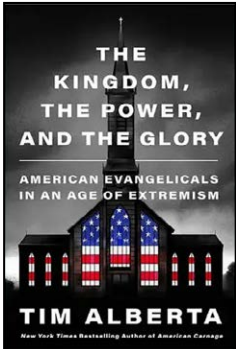


# New Library Acquisition

By Rev. Jimmy Hulse

Our friend Nancy Howard kept insisting that I read this book. I was dragging my feet until she gave me a copy. So, I read it and am now recommending it to you. This is the latest acquisition to the church library.

*The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism*



is a deep dive into a large portion of U.S. Christianity that I did not know very well. Nancy wanted me to read it because it answers the question many of us have been asking. Tim Alberta, the author, is an accomplished journalist who is currently a staff writer for *The Atlantic* and was formerly chief political correspondent for *Politico*.

Alberta’s most recent book is *The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory*. With many, many interviews, he moves freely in the world of evangelicals. He gained access because of his reputation, but also because he inhabits that world himself. Growing up in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a smaller denomination in the Presbyterian/Reformed family of churches, Alberta’s father was the pastor of his home congregation. The book is, in fact, dedicated: “In Loving Memory of ‘Pop,’ Reverend Richard J. Alberta, A Sinner, Like His Sons.”

These two aspects of Tim Alberta’s biography afford those of us who are less familiar with North American Evangelicals confidence that we may trust him as our guide. It is no secret that our journalist/evangelical believes that this strong element of American Christianity has strayed from its past and occupies a new orientation. Like many other Christian bodies, evangelicals have historically worshipped Christ alone as head and sovereign of the church. The present concern is that a shift has occurred from worship of God alone to an idolatry of the nation.

Three examples of this shift that Alberta identifies from a raft of interviews are: (1) fascination with raw power in politics to influence the American scene; 2) a distortion of Scripture in favor of some perceived greater good; and 3) a willingness to deny election outcomes and numerous judicial decisions confirming them, belief in lies rather than scientific data and an ignoring of responsible reporting by a wide consensus of the media. Along the way, Alberta tells the story of how evangelicals changed from being reticent to take part in politics to going all in, how they moved from a range of opinions about abortion to a hardline, all or nothing view and why evangelicals have lost favor with the larger Christian community and the society at-large.

No question, there are a number of evangelicals like Alberta who decry these trends, but the polls indicate a significant majority that have gone a different way. Hopefully your appetite is now whetted.

## INQUIRERS' CLASS

### Interested in Membership at Hudson?

The Inquirers' Class, for those interested in membership, will be held after worship on **Sunday, September 22nd and Sunday, November 10th**. The class covers what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of Hudson Memorial. [RSVP for the class here](#). Contact [Debbie Kirk](#) with any questions.



## CHANCEL FLOWERS

### Chancel Flowers 2 REMAINING 2024 DATES AVAILABLE



Secure a date to honor or remember someone with a floral arrangement. **There are only 2 dates left in 2024!**  
**September 22, September 29**

To sign up for one of these dates, or for more information, refer to the flowers bulletin board outside Room 103, or contact [Hannah Woodcock](#) in the church office.

**The 2025 sign-up sheet has been posted!**

## SINGLE WAY

# Single Way



Join this group of never-married, widowed, or divorced adults for fun, food, and fellowship. We typically meet the first Tuesday of every month. If you know of anyone that would like to join us, please extend the invitation. New people are always welcome!

*Join us for our first fall gathering!*



**September 3 at 11:30am**  
**Bahama Breeze**  
**Island Grille**  
**3309 Wake Forest Drive**  
**Raleigh, NC 27609**

**Please call Dee Blackerby at 919-846-6241 by September 1 if you plan to attend.**

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 1

- 8:30am - Early Worship - Chapel
- 9:45am - Summer Sing - Sanctuary
- 10:30am - Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45am - Children's Sunday School - Geneva/Playgarden
- 11:30am - Fellowship - Westminster Hall

### Monday, September 2

- OFFICE CLOSED
- 7:00pm - Personnel - Zoom
- 8:00pm - Al-Anon/Alateen - Geneva Rm 226, 234, 235

### Tuesday, September 3

- 6:30am - Waking Up With The Word - Zoom
- 9:30am - Staff Meeting - Welcome Lounge
- 11:30am - Single Way - Bahama Breeze
- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200
- 7:30pm - Boy Scouts - Geneva Hall, Rm 234

### Wednesday, September 4

- 6:15pm - Hudson Handbells - WH South
- 7:30pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

### Thursday, September 5

- 6:00pm - Giving Ministry - WH South

### Friday, September 6

- 5:45pm - ACA Support Group - Room 200

## BIRTHDAYS



# September Birthdays

1. BJ Parangi, Jennie Spell, Susie Rogerson
2. Kathy Sharpe, Emerson Fitzgerald, Erik Jacobsen
4. Mitchell Puryear
5. Daniel Dickerson, Nancy Eyre
6. Caroline Bradshaw
8. Pat Hedrick, Molly Ferrer,
9. Corey Atkinson, Caleb Bowles
10. Lauren Llewellyn, Caroline Rohs, Graham Burch, Jolene Allard
11. Hunter Rogers, Sam Duncan
12. Sarah Sandlin, Holly Sandlin, Veda Capps
14. Kelly R. Boone, Jeffrey Coonse
15. Skye Schafer, Kessler Dickerson, David Hanks
17. Nikki Melling, Tripp Madden, Claire Bond
18. Major Bond, Susan Eichler
19. Barton Meeks, Alison Keever, Evelyn Bartow
20. Harry Bowles, Steve Huth, Winter Fox, Michael Linden
21. Christina Billman, Katherine Magee
22. Elizabeth Rankin, Brooklyn Malafronte, William Bradshaw
23. Lauren Conder, Joseph Cox
24. Morgan Jackson, Shirley Hall, Caroline Keever
25. Jean Glaub Maskonen, Mike Glover
26. Matt Bowles, Henry Apple, Grace Hutchinson, Brooks Ferrer
27. Cindy Wolf
28. Margaret Lockard, Judie Greenawalt
29. Beau Sanchez, Lindsey Richards
30. Ashley Edmister, Julia Duncan



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